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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### **PETERSBURG/WRANGELL HERRING UPDATE #12**

The department conducted an aerial survey today, May 3, of the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The survey conditions were good with partly cloudy skies and winds between 5 and 15 mph.

#### Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

Active spawn continued today south of the Sanctuary in Hobart Bay with an additional one mile of spawn. Marine mammal activity has also increased with two whales and 117 sea lions near the active spawning area. An additional area with schools of herring was observed south of Libby Creek. Very little has changed in Farragut Bay with a few schools of herring continuing to be seen around Bay Point. The next flight is scheduled for Saturday, May 4.

#### **2013 Survey Herring Summary**

#### Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

April 16	No herring activity, 71 sea lions, 2 whales, 100 scoters.
April 19	No herring activity, 102 sea lions, 550 scoters.
April 22	No herring activity, 81 sea lions, 1,500 scoters.
April 24	No herring activity, 31 sea lions.
April 27	No herring activity, 30 sea lions, 1,600 scoters.
April 30	No herring activity, 45 sea lions, 1,100 scoters.
May 2	¼ mile of active spawn, 85 sea lions, 1,550 scoters.
May 3	1.0 mile of active spawn, 117 sea lions, 2,250 scoters

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